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By Casey Snow

News Writer

Just walking into the President's office, one might guess that he is a man who is easy to get along with, great to chat with, and intelligent on many levels. Where exactly would Saint Joseph's College be without a president? Thanks to Dr. Stephen Hulbert, the college won't have to find out.

After receiving his baccalaureate from Worcester State University, Dr. Hulbert

furthered his education and received his master's degree in counseling and student personnel at University of Massachusetts-Amherst. Following his time at Amherst, he attended the State University of New York at Albany where he earned his doctorate. Dr. Hulbert has made many colleges his home (with his wife and his pug, Max) as an interim president.

Dr. Hulbert has been dedicated to higher education for over 45 years, focusing on his presidential role for the last 18 years. He



New Interim President Dr. Stephen Hulbert  
Photo courtesy of SJC Facebook Page

## Computer Center Makes Big Changes

By Sadie K. Dalla Costa

News Writer

The Student Computer Center (SCC) had a busy summer making several changes to the network for this year. These changes are aimed at establishing both a faster and more user-friendly network.

For one, the SCC created helpdesk.saintjoe.edu. Through this website, students can submit a ticket notifying the computer center of any technical issues they are experiencing. The computer center is trying to speed up the process for answering students' problems quickly. Web Systems Administrator and Web Analyst Elizabeth Gray says that "We've had a lot of people be like, 'Well, it's going to be going, this problem's been going on for a long time,' and they never tell us, and then we feel bad because we can't help them if they don't tell us what's going on." Furthermore, the center created a new Moodle site, now called

"Courses," and altered the graphics on the page. In addition, the SCC made school sites branded, meaning all the websites flow smoothly and are a part of the Saint Joe site. "...you feel a little more secure that you actually are on a Saint Joe site," said Gray.

The SCC also checked the connection of the bandwidth, or the connection which allows any amount of data to be processed over a period of time. "We've tried to look at all of them, make sure they were working properly in the summer, and we did have some that were hit by lightning. So we cleaned up a lot of that," Gray said.

The center started a virtualization platform as well. A virtualization platform is a system with one server encompassing several software systems. "It also helps so we're not, you know, updating five different sets of computers. We only have to update one thing, and it works," said Gray.

worked as the president of Nicholls State University for the last ten years, and after announcing his retirement which became active on August 1, 2013, he chose to join the administrative staff at Saint Joseph's College.

As the college experiences a transition to a new president, Dr. Hulbert takes the role of interim president, working under the Registry for College and University Presidents. As a temporary president, Dr. Hulbert exerts "transitional leadership, used in instances when the previous president leaves quickly." Interim presidents generally serve anywhere from three months to three years at a college or university, depending on the situation. As president, he has a role and responsibilities in all aspects of the college: working with the vice presidents, the senior staff, and of course, the students.

After speaking with Dr. Hulbert, one might pick up on his easy going attitude, accompanied by a sense of responsibility and leadership. His favorite part about his job is meeting new people. While the students were welcoming him to our school, he was welcoming them - spending time with the sports teams, resident assistants, freshman leaders, faculty, and staff.

Dr. Hulbert is not only actively involved with college matters, but is voluntarily involved in the lives of the students he represents. In an interview, Dr. Hulbert



President Hulbert's Dog, Max  
Photo courtesy of  
SJC Admissions Instagram

explained, "It is my style to be out and about on campus, whether it's attending events or just grabbing a cup of coffee. I like to visit with folks, and that often happens when my dog, Max, and I are walking the campus." "Max" (Maxwell Smart, a.k.a. Fast Max) is Dr. Hulbert's 12-year-old Chinese Pug, a "president in training."

Just as Dr. Hulbert might suggest, he is not a difficult man to find as he eats many of his meals in the Caf, amongst students, immersing himself in student life. Join Saint Joseph's College in welcoming Dr. Hulbert to the Caf, the campus, and the community.

They also offered a system to register devices for Wi-Fi. Students are now able to register six items maximum for Wi-Fi. Moreover, the center worked on a website, IT.saintjoe.edu, where a notice at the top tells students problems happening on campus. The center also plans to communicate these issues to students through e-mail and social media.

This year, the SCC plans to



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# New Lab is Open for "Businesss"

*The on campus Business Lab is now complete and open to all students*

By Margaret Hunter

*News Writer*

If you are a business major, or simply interested in business, then by now you have heard of the new Business Lab located in the Evans Arts and Science Building. What some students may not know is what the Business Lab actually is and if it can be accessed by anyone. Beginning in May 2014, the Saint Joseph's College Business Administration took an ordinary classroom, Science 102, and refurnished it to be the new Business Lab for students and faculty.

The room is now supplied with two eighty-inch monitors on the wall that can be used to project lectures done by professors, the internet, and business television stations. Along the top of the wall is a stock ticket, which allows students to keep a close eye on the market. Around the monitors are also multiple clocks that display different times around the world.

The classroom is also set up with a Skype camera to be used by students and faculty to communicate with business professionals and alumni. With this new accessibility, the Business Administration has already planned many video conferences, including one with alumni on how they acquired their jobs in the professional world.

Although there are all these unique features in the Business Lab, it still functions as a traditional classroom. Once a week, a business class will be



*The Business Lab featuring a television monitor, clocks, and Stock Ticker. Photo courtesy of Teresa Massoels, Associate Professor of Management and Marketing.*

taught in the lab. It is also used for student presentations. The room is lined with desks that may be moved around so that the room can also be used for board meetings. Even students that are not taking any business classes have access to the room in the evenings; it is open to anyone to use for its unique features or to simply study in with other students. Associate Professor of Management and Marketing Teresa Massoels states that the Business Lab is a great place for students to gather because of the idea of working where professionals work making "you [the student] feel professional," which can help boost the confidence.

Constructing the Business Lab was possible because of the support from sponsors and alumni who helped fund it, along with the assistance of the Lilly Grant Foundation offering assistance.

Alumni Pete Ipolitto '86 is a Vice President at Sherwin-Williams Paint and helped by funding the paint that was needed.

Even though the Business Lab is considered complete, the administrators are still hoping to find a sponsor for the stock ticket, as well as looking to name the lab. Just as Ipolitto helped, they are also hoping that more alumni will offer assistance in future projects, including the idea of converting more classrooms into future business labs.

Whether or not more labs will be created in the future, students of Saint Joseph's College are proud to have such a new and unique opportunity. You do not have to be a business student to appreciate it, and you do not have to be a professional to use it. The Business Lab and all its new gadgets are open to all students.

## Pumas Remember 9-11

*On the Thirteenth anniversary of the attacks, students and faculty remember...*

By Natalie Dziadosz  
*News Writer*

It was one of the most pivotal moments of our time: when a crash was heard around the nation as two planes flew into the Twin Towers. Three thousand people died at Ground Zero because of this attack. Shock still reverberates around the nation, even in 2014, thirteen years after the incident. Everyone remembers it a little differently.

Hannah Ramey, a junior Music Education major, remembers sitting in her elementary school class. Her teachers did not tell the class what was going on, so it was very confusing for everyone.

Many people in the younger generation feel the same way. A freshman Creative Writing major, Vivian Myers, had just moved into her new house. Her father was still in their previous home located in New York, close to Ground Zero. In the aftermath,

she was extremely worried about him, because she was very close with her father. "I was worried because my mom was worried and calling my dad nonstop," says Myers. Even today, she still thinks about 9/11 because her father could have died.

Dr. Kelly Ford, Director of Choir and Assistant Professor of Music, had a different experience with 911; he was employed as a high school choir director at the time. He was living in Michigan and teaching a class when a teacher's assistant came into his room during a prep period. She asked if he had heard what had happened. He responded "no" and followed her into the band room. There, he watched the news report with the band director. When the second plane hit, he called his wife and began asking if they had a plan for a disaster like this. He never really thought that something like this could happen. He received a call from

the local priest asking if he would conduct the musicians during a requiem mass for the victims and families. He agreed, and they sang "Oh God Our Help in Ages Past." "Since then," says Ford, "every time I hear that song, I always think of 9/11."

This coming September 11 will mark the 13th anniversary of this disaster, yet people are still feeling the effects. Everyone has their own special way to reflect on this day; this is evident throughout Saint Joseph's College community. September 11 is now a day of remembrance. It has been found among the Saint Joseph's College community that the best way to observe this event is to never forget the people killed in this tragedy as well as the families affected by it. And in doing so, it is hoped that nothing like 9/11 will ever happen again.

## Upcoming Puma Events!

September 15-19 Spirit Week:

Monday- Jersey Day

Tuesday- Twin Day

Wednesday- Pink Day

Thursday- Formal Day

Friday- Puma Day

September 19-21 - Homecoming

Want to get the word out about your event?

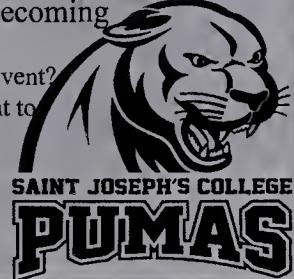
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## Class of 2018 Arrives

By Vivian Myers

*News Writer*

Out with the old and in with the new! Saint Joseph's College would like to welcome the Class of 2018. It is awkward to talk to people the first few weeks, so here are the viewpoints of a few freshman concerning how they feel about being at college.

Freshman Carlos Branson, a Business Management major, says that "being far from home doesn't bother me." Lizton Indiana, 100 + miles from Saint Joseph's College, is not the furthest he has traveled. In fact, Carlos has traveled to many places, including Australia, where he wrestled an alligator. No matter how adventurous he seems, Carlos is actually very down to earth. In fact, Carlos can be found playing pool in the Merlini basement lounge. He looks forward to these next four years of learning here at Saint Joseph's College. Due to the friendly atmosphere and great teachers, Carlos sees The College as a fresh start.

Natalie Dziadosz, a freshman Music Education major, didn't come here for the same reasons as most. Natalie says, "I came to Saint Joe because on my second visit, people remembered my name." Natalie recently changed her major; she is very excited to start working with the music department, especially concert band. However, she is worried about remembering all her choir music and knowing the band performance. Her schedule is more full than most, which makes Netflix and relaxing much more enjoyable.

"A small college, very few people, and the one-on-one attention with the teachers" are



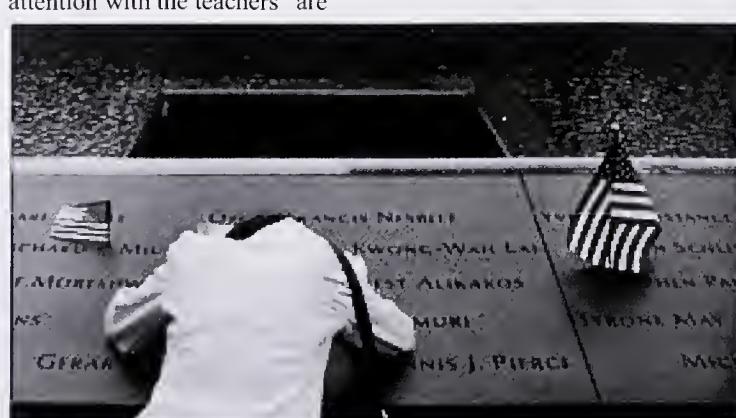
*A Freshman Seminar class after participating in Puma Olympics during orientation. Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland's Photography.*

the factors that decided Samuel Heasty's fate. Heasty, a freshman Accounting major, is a shy individual. Even though Samuel says he expected college to be academically challenging, he does find keeping track of his homework to be a challenge in its self.

Senior Music Education major, Mackenzie Tobar, came to Saint Joseph's College because of her sister. It was a small school, and she felt that it was a good community. As a freshman, Mackenzie took college by

the reigns by auditioning for and becoming captain of the color guard. Now, as a senior, Mackenzie gives the freshman class this bit of advice: "Don't sit in your room and do nothing. If you are asked to go somewhere, go! There is too much to do on campus, clubs and such, to have free time. Do things and experience college. Make these four years something you'll never regret."

*Photo below courtesy of Google Images. Pictured is a woman at The September 11, 2001 Memorial in New York City, New York.*



## Smart Watches

By Steven Sewell

Opinions Writer

You've seen them exhibited prominently at Best Buy or RadioShack. They come in legions of colors and sizes, and are produced by a myriad of manufacturers. Unlike a mobile phone or a laptop, they're a wearable computer. They're smart watches, the latest fad in consumer electronics. The introduction of these devices began last year when Samsung's Galaxy Gear, Sony's SmartWatch, and Qualcomm's Toq were all released hot on the heels of the Pebble Smartwatch.

Yesteryear's smart watches weren't successful, so it will be interesting to watch the press conferences scheduled this September by Sony, Samsung, Motorola, and Apple, where it is expected that these companies will announce new, "innovative" products. Yet, despite what many analysts predict, smart watches aren't going to be the next revolution in computers; they're doomed to fail. They have no demand. When was the last time you've seen someone wearing a smart watch? You probably never have. Here's why.

Wrist watches are a relic to most of the Millennial Generation. We live in a world where the time is displayed everywhere. From where I'm sitting, I can see the time on the laptop in front of me, the mobile phone in my hand, the news channel on the television, and the LCD on the printer. When I move from my seat, I can see the time on the radio, the microwave, and the stove. All of these clocks are in just two rooms. From a purely

functional standpoint, wrist watches make no sense.

Along with being redundant to the typical person, smart watches are not likely to be adopted by watch enthusiasts. They value a wrist watch for its timekeeping abilities. To them, the watchcase and movement are much more important than frivolous functions, and, sometimes, even the accuracy of a timepiece. Compared to an automatic or self-winding watch of a similar price, a smart watch has an uninteresting caliber, a display that lacks moving parts, and cheaper raw materials.

Smart watches aren't practical, either. A \$30 Timex with a quartz movement is infinitely more durable than a \$200 smart watch with delicate antennas and accelerometers, a processor, and an intricate display. Even a well-made automatic watch, with over 200 individual parts, is more durable than a wearable computer. Smart watches are more sensitive to water, can not be serviced, and need to be charged. That doesn't bode well for something that is supposed to be worn all day, everyday, in a variety of situations.

Don't get swept up in the smart watch hype this September. It's likely that you aren't the intended demographic for these products; I don't even think the manufacturers themselves know who they are targeting.



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## Raising Minimum Wage

By Jared Smith

Opinions Writer

Minimum wage in Indiana is \$7.25 which comes out to \$15,080 before taxes when someone works a normal work week. \$15,080 a year seems like a lot on the surface, especially if it's a single person household but it comes short of the actual livable wage. The living wage is a term that can trace its roots as far back as Adam Smith in his economic work *The Wealth of Nations*, and it is a wage that is high enough to maintain a reasonable standard of living. Based on the MIT living wage calculator for a single person household, the living wage is \$17,556 which comes down to \$8.44. Why should we as voters care about this? Three reasons, the first being poverty is cyclical, statistically speaking. If a generation begins in poverty then it will end in an equal or worse stage of poverty

creating a form of economic slavery. The second reason is the future payoff. Attempting to break the cycle of poverty will help cut back on future expenses in terms of social welfare. As an Ancient Greek Philosophy says, "A society grows great when men plant trees whose shade they know they will never sit in." The third and final reason is the Jasper County poverty line currently has 10% of its citizens below the poverty line, which is nearly 4,000 people, which to give a comparison, is three times the size of Saint Joseph's College. If the state of Indiana does not raise minimum wage to at least \$8.44 it will continue to allow at least 35% of its population to continue to slide into a cycle of poverty until it is too late. As Dan Cederberg, an experienced attorney said in a speech in 2009, "when the entirety of one's earnings are exhausted on food and shelter, your labors are no longer viewed as an opportunity for economic advancement, but rather as an act of self preservation," or more simply put economic slavery.

## Batman v. Superman

By Meghan Hennessey

Opinions Writer

We all know these two unmistakable American icons: Batman and Superman. Although both heroes belong to the same team, they are constantly pitted against each other as rivals. Arguments as to who would win a battle between the two are all too common. The question we should really be asking, though, is who is the better superhero? Obviously the answer is Batman. Here's why.

Batman is simply a more believable character. He is born and raised on earth like any normal human being. Superman's background is clearly fantasy. Batman's history could essentially happen in reality. All of the powers that Batman possesses could be achieved by anybody. His powers are humanly possible with a great level of dedication and funding. Superman's powers, however, are not at all possible in the real world. This makes Batman far superior because he can actually inspire people based on possible events.

Batman is also more relatable on a personal level. His childhood was full of struggle and pain due to the death of his parents. By the time he realized the potential he had to be something more than a man, he still had to work incredibly hard to achieve it. Batman has the ability to be injured both physically and mentally, just like any other human being. This makes him easier to connect with. Two loving parents raised Superman, and although they weren't his biological parents, they still gave him a stable upbringing. Superman didn't have to go through nearly as much work as Batman did in order to get to superhero status.

Batman doesn't even have any actual superpowers, and yet, he is still able to get the job done. He has actual fighting skills and intellectual ability. Without his superpowers, Superman is just an ordinary man. Take away Batman's armor and you still have a master detective and skilled hand-to-hand combat fighter. Batman is simply a more intriguing superhero. His story lines are constantly changing and introducing new characters. He is a superhero that we can all relate to and enjoy.

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# Supernatural: Join the Hunt

By: Johna Bottorff

Features Writer

We've all heard of the show *Supernatural* right? A lot of people don't understand what *Supernatural* is about, and why it has been on TV for almost ten years.

Well first off you have to know what it's about. Two brothers, Sam and Dean, are hunters, but they don't hunt deer or bears. They hunt ghosts, monsters; every horror movie monster you've ever thought of - they hunt it. They hunt these things that no one believes in, but they save hundreds of people. It's very action packed, and it makes you think about some things in real life that may go bump in the night. If you like guns, attractive guys and saving people, this is the show for you. If you are a bit squeamish, and faint at the sight of blood, you might not want to

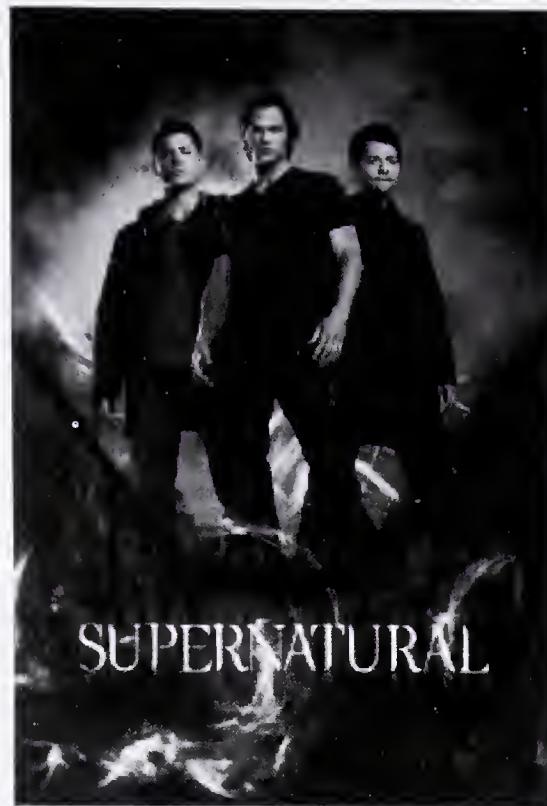
watch this.

Jared Padalecki and Jensen Ackles portray two brothers so well in the show you would think they were related in real life. This show always keeps you guessing, and on some occasions will bring tears to your eyes. There is always something to make you laugh in every episode. It may be the way Sam and Dean fight. It could be the faces that Dean is always making, or it could just be a joke one of them has made.

Sam and Dean have come very far in nine seasons and when you watch it you will think, all they wanted to do was find their dad. You don't know who will and won't survive in the world of a hunter. Sam and Dean have seen more death than death himself. In 2008 they were joined by an actor named Misha Collins. Misha plays the part of Dean's savior and best friend.

Castiel (Misha) will have you laughing your head off in some episodes because he doesn't understand references that Dean or Sam make about pop cultural items. These three guys fighting and killing makes for a great night of Netflix-watching and staying in bed.

In 2009 you meet a demon by the name of Crowley portrayed by Mark A. Sheppard. Unlike Castiel, Crowley makes lots of jokes and gets most every reference that Sam and Dean make. You might start to trust him, but you can never really trust a demon. If you want to watch, the first eight seasons are on Netflix, and season ten comes on in October. Meet everyone Sam and Dean have met and experience something that will break your heart and keep your attention. Join the many hunters out in the world. Who knows? Maybe you'll become a hunter yourself.



Above: *Supernatural* promotional poster. Photo courtesy of Google Images.

## CORE 1: The Secrets to our Success

By: Alyssa Cook

Co-Editor-In-Chief

Freshmen, you signed up for Core 1, hardly knowing what to expect. You may have compared it to classes you took in high school, trying to get a handle on what Core 1 is. A very select few of you may have been lucky enough to skip to Core 3. Kudos to you – you won't have to read *Fast Food Nation*. For those of you who weren't so fortunate, I'm here to offer you advice. These words come straight from the mouths of survivors of the Core 1 program. They conquered Core 1, and with our sort-of-secret formula, you can too.

The first piece of advice isn't pretty. No one wants to hear these words, but you have to do the reading. Those of you who have Professor Stewart or Dr. White, know you have to read because you regularly have detail-laden quizzes, but even if you don't have quizzes every day, you should still read. You'd be surprised how easy tests and essays become when you actually do the reading.

The second fits right along with the first. Use strategies while you read in order to get a better understanding of the books. One of the easiest is annotating. Many of you probably learned this strategy in high school. Write questions and comments in your books so you can bring them up during class. Highlight important points so they'll be easier to find. Or, if like me, you don't like writing in your books, invest in some sticky notes. They're cheap, and they prove that you've done the reading.

Our third secret is about lecture. Everyone knows most students find lecture boring. It's hard to ignore a room full of blank stares. You should pay attention though. Take notes every time, not just when they give you a handout. You don't have to write down everything; in fact, I suggest that you don't. The main points should always be written down though. It will help you immensely with tests and papers.

Last but not least, a note on essays: always start them in advance. If you have questions about the prompt or the rubric, starting early will give you time to ask about it. Your professors are usually happy to help. The Writing Clinic is another tool to help improve your writing. Editors proofread your paper. They'll help you catch citation problems and revise your content so you can earn your A in Core Writing. Even if you're writing an essay a week, writing it in advance usually results in better grades.

These tips will help you improve your Core 1 experience. Many of you are already on the right track, starting the class with an open mind and participating in class discussion, but these strategies will help you earn the A you've been hoping for. And the tips don't stop there. We still use them in Core 3. They'll help you lay the foundation for an excellent academic career.



Photo courtesy of Jimmy Kile

## Doctor Who?

By: Jimmy Kile

Features Co-Editor

*Doctor Who*, the British sci-fi action drama that has taken American audiences by storm, has recently undergone a few changes.

The show, now in its eighth season since its reboot in 2005, recently contracted a new actor to play the main character of The Doctor. Peter Capaldi has stepped in and taken the reigns from Matt Smith, who played his lovable, goofy, and sometimes socially awkward incarnation of the character for three seasons.

Capaldi, bringing a new and older face to the character, has shifted the personality of the character drastically. Where Matt Smith was a ball of fun and sunshine, Capaldi's incarnation of The Doctor is darker and more brooding.

The lines on his face, especially around his eyes, show that The Doctor has not gone untouched by age in over two thousand years of adventures. Matt Smith's floppy comb over has been replaced by silver hairs that lay flat on Capaldi's head.

The interior of the TARDIS (The Doctor's time traveling space ship) has been made over to match this new Doctor's personality. Most of the lights from Matt Smith's TARDIS interior are gone; shadows abound and hide The Doctor to reflect that this man has a dark side that is not to be messed with. To accompany this, there is now a big leather chair off to the side of the control console of the TARDIS that the new Doctor has brooded in a couple of times.

The accent of The Doctor has changed as well. He now yields a rough and brutish Scottish accent that shames Smith's stereotypical British accent.

The Doctor's outfit has been made over as well. Capaldi is



Above: Peter Capaldi as the 12th and current incarnation of The Doctor. Photo courtesy of Google Images

# One Finger Death Punch: Amputee-Friendly Gaming

By: **Josh D. Alengo**

Features Writer

Game publishers are kicking off the holiday rush with a bang this year. Gamers are looking forward to a smorgasbord of highly anticipated releases like the *Borderlands Pre-Sequel*, *Super Smash Brothers* *WiiU/3DS*, *Sid Meyer's Civilization: Beyond Earth*, *World of Warcraft: Warlords of Draenor*, *The Legend of Zelda: Hyrule Warriors*, *Assassin's Creed: Unity*, and *Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare* to name only a handful. The overwhelming excitement can be a lot to handle after such a dry summer full of nothing but far-off promises of a fruitful end of the year. Although the weather will get cold soon enough, it can be hard to hold yourself over with the fully-packed hype-train hurtling forward at full power right next to you. However, my action-starved friends, there is a diamond in the rough--an oasis amongst the sands--and it only requires one hand to play!

Don't slip into the gutter on me, now. I'm talking about *One Finger Death Punch* (*OFDP*). The indie development team over at Silver Dollar Games recently had their latest title greenlit on Steam and made available on the Xbox Live Arcade marketplace, and to call it good would be an unjust understatement. *OFDP* is a game designed to be played with one hand on

your mouse or controller, utilizing only two buttons for primary gameplay, with the only exception being menu navigation. The player controls a stickman on a two-dimensional plane with enemy stickmen rushing at you from both sides of the screen. It is your job to smash, slice, throw, impale, and otherwise pummel each and every one down with the only two actions available to you: attack left and attack right.

At first glance, the game appears unimpressive. It has the aesthetic polish of a flash game and the character detail of a sketch in a middle school notebook. The tutorial is narrated by an uncredited man in a crude Japanese accent and the box art bears no relevance to actual gameplay.

Complaints like these are valid, as the overall visuals lack anything to write home about, but they're not this game's core engagement, and the designers knew that. *OFDP* is a game you play for its solid controls, fluid action, and satisfying combat. Much like the best simple classics such as Super Mario or Megaman, *OFDP* has super tight controls, a very clear hit-box, and easily learned skills. A shoddy tutorial doesn't detract from the brilliantly intuitive mechanics, and, personally, I have yet to lose with the feeling that it was the game's fault. Each time you are defeated, unlike with that last ex of yours, you know why and what you could have done to succeed.

With no actual "lives" system, instant reiteration will pop you right back into the action again to hammer out the flaws in your strategy and exhaust the last of your fedora-related frustrations.

And don't think for a moment that there can't be strategy involved in a game with only two buttons. Combat is brilliantly complex without being complicated, and most new mechanics introduced are as intuitive as scratching your ass; they just come naturally and they're hard to avoid doing. You'll spend hours you should have spent being productive and fight thousands of stickmen representing names on your personal hit list without ever feeling like you've been repeating the same actions over and over, even though you technically have. With an old-school high score system, you can even claim valid bragging rights to shove down your friends' throats when they remind you how long it's been since you've spoken to the opposite sex. What more could you want?

Overall, combat is rhythmic and hypnotically satisfying in a way only playing it and abusing hard drugs can convey properly. Well-timed and executed camera effects and over-the-top yet easily manipulated karate moves will convince you for the second time in your life that you can totally do a backflip. Seriously, try again, it's been years since the neck brace. You'll

always be left wanting more, which you'll get this winter in the form of other games. Hopefully this little gem can tie you over until then. I officially rate this game an A+.



Above: One Finger Death Punch game case cover. Image courtesy of Google Images.

# Agents Of S.H.I.E.L.D. Beautiful Choices

By: **Katie Davisson**

Features Co-Editor

first shot at television with *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*

The series stars Agent Phil Coulson's, the *S.H.I.E.L.D.* agent, death rallied the Avengers to save the world.

Turns out, he didn't exactly die....or did he? One of the first seasons central mysteries is how Coulson survived and was resurrected; this is a show based in a comic universe after all.

After assembling a team consisting of hackers, combat specialists, and a quirky duo of scientists, Coulson sets out on a series of black ops style missions set against the backdrop of a universe that is slowly getting used to the idea of Norse deities and legendary super soldiers popping up all over the place.

Now, the show has only run for

one season so far, with a second coming soon, and, like a lot of genre shows, it's had it's fair share of growing pains. When it first premiered, *Avengers* fans were very disappointed at its lack of superheroes (despite the fact that it's advertised as a superhero world through the eyes of those without powers, and it not being financially feasible to have big name actors like Robert Downy Jr. appear on the show.).

The first half of the season is sort of clunky, with the writers still sorting out what works and what doesn't, as well as characters personalities.

Here's my advice though: stick with it.

When the second half rolls around, the show noticeably improves. Especially when the plot starts to line up with the story of *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*, a movie they were obviously killing time waiting for.

If you've seen the movie, you know that it has huge ramifications for the *S.H.I.E.L.D.* organization, and as a result, the last eight episodes of the season are a rollercoaster of betrayal and reveals, setting up the second season with a fantastic new status quo going forward. Superhero fans, check it out.

*Beautiful Creatures* is a movie about choices. It begins with Ethan Wate and all Ethan wants is to get out of town, but then, he meets Lena. She's a dark, mysterious type of girl who doesn't let people become her friends easily, although Ethan tries his hardest.

Turns out Lena and her family have a secret: they're a family of casters who at the age of sixteen have to choose between the light and the dark. Because of a curse set by an ancestor of Lena's long ago the females in her family don't get the same choice as everyone else. They go to the side that is their 'true nature.' The men in the family don't fall under this spell, so despite how her Uncle Macon (Jeremy Irons) claimed dark when he turned sixteen he goes light to help Lena before her sixteenth birthday. Lena's battle is between the curse and free will.

Richard LaGravenese pulls together the world of Kami Garcia remarkably in *Beautiful Creatures*, which was previously a book. It's always hard to make a convincing movie out of a story that was first written on paper, but LaGravenese works wonders in *Beautiful Creatures*. He makes the viewers go on the same journey both Lena and Ethan do. He utilizes moments to pluck on the heartstrings of the audience and undoubtedly brings forth a few tears.

Alice Englert, who originally is from New Zealand, has a swanky southern accent as she plays the character of Lena. This is one of her first big American films and she delivers appropriately: with a serious and determined mindset. Englert gives Lena such real emotion that anyone who sees this movie can't help but feel it. To counter her Alden Ehrenreich, brings a lovable and light character in Ethan that is determined to hold onto what he loves.

The minor characters of the movie are, by far, my favorite and definitely the bigger names of the film. Jeremy Irons who plays Macon Ravenwood has starred in *Dungeons and Dragons*, *the Iron Mask*, and *The Lion King* (as Scar). He plays Lena's uncle who seems to think the best possible solution for Lena's situation is for her to have no one around her she can hurt.

Emma Thompson, known from *Nanny McPhee*, *Saving Mr. Banks*, and *Love Actually*, plays Sarafine and turns her into a deliciously evil caster who does everything in her power to expose Lena's dark nature. Her accomplice is Lena's cousin, Ridley, who is played by Emmy Rossum. Rossum is famous for *Phantom of the Opera* and *The Day After Tomorrow*. She is a sensual siren that has control over any man. Rossum makes Ridley into a spicy seductress.

All of the characters must choose at one point or another. Ethan's choice is easy, to be with Lena no matter the circumstance. It's the choices that the characters make that make them into "beautiful creatures." Make the right choice and check this movie out!



Above: The Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. cast. Image courtesy of Google Images.

# Pumas Ready to Pounce

By Austin-Lewis Craig  
Sports Staff Writer

The Saint Joseph's College football team started off their season with a 31-10 win over Valparaiso University last Saturday night, marking the 8th win in a row in the series. SJC had 464 total yards of offense with senior Braxton Shelton rushing for 159 yards and one touchdown on 25 carries and senior Tate Borlik completing 16 of 30 passes for 170 yards and two touchdowns. SJC's defense allowed 324 yards of total offense. Leaders for the defense were seniors Drew Byrd, with 11 tackles, Sheldon Martin, with 10 tackles, 1 for a loss, and Gary Yeoman, with 9 tackles, 4 for a loss, and one sack.

"Business," is the response 1 received when asking students, football players, and some faculty to describe Head Football and Defensive Back Coach Cory Sanders in one word. With the season nearly underway and the team pumped and ready to go, the questions and concerns are endless in regards to the team's readiness for and awareness of this upcoming season. These questions were put to rest with a resounding, "Heck, Yea!" when it was asked if the team and the coaches were ready to get this season going.

With an elevating 8-3 record last year, the Puma pride is said to have, "hit its peak," according



Puma tight end Addison Dellinger fights off Valparaiso defensive lineman Nick Moffitt during the Pumas' winning opener on 9/6

to a few students. However, with the majority of last year's team returning and a strong new class of freshmen joining the team, hopes are high that the Pumas will continue to rise. One key factor in the team's continued success is Coach Sanders. Joining Saint Joseph's College as a Defensive Coordinator in 2010, Sanders has had a major part in the team's increasing victories year after year.

Upon interviewing the team, individually and in small groups, some answers were similar in regards to the top three key games. 2nd team All GLVC and

3rd team Preseason All American Trent Hall stated, "Indy, Truman, and Missouri S&T are key because Indy holds the number one spot in the Great Lake Valley Conference (GLVC) and Truman follows them." There was a pause and senior Jake Styla inputted that Missouri S&T was a key match-up to his team because "Missouri has beaten them since his freshman year."

When asking seniors Jamyl "Flip" Scott, Drew Byrd, and Sheldon Martin II to compare the past programs to this year's program, Flip took the floor saying, "nothing's sugar coated."

The "military discipline" and "less about me, more about the team" attitude are two important aspects highlighted. Wheylon Tobert and Chet Maxey, both freshmen, were asked to compare the Sanders' program to their high school atmospheres. Tobert said, in high school it was "a group of individuals," and "people worked for stats and scholarships, but in college, there is a sense of togetherness that induces you to work hard for the group." Sophomore Tommy McComick says, "we are the ones strapping on the pads," and the surrounding team agreed that this season's motto is "unfinished business."

# Men's Soccer Excited for the Future

By Clayton Bateman  
Sports Staff Writer

The Saint Joseph's College men's soccer team has had a stretch of rough seasons with only eleven wins in the last three years combined. They are not letting that stop them, however, from looking to improve this season. This year, the Pumas have a young and energetic roster. They have twelve underclassmen, including four freshmen and eight sophomores. This season, the team is looking to rebuild and to help the new players gain experience for the future. That youth, mixed with the experience that the upperclassmen bring to the table, will hopefully make for a fun and exciting season.

Another major impact on the program this year is the introduction of new Head Coach Rob Stewart. Coach Stewart joins Saint Joseph's College after three years as an assistant coach at Alderson Broaddus University, where he also played. He was a four-year starter and was a part of their 2008 West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament Championship team. He hopes to bring that experience to SJC and to bring more success to the men's soccer team, on and off the field.

The Puma's next home match will be Friday, September 12,

at 5 p.m. against Rockhurst University. Traditionally, the team has not had great success against Rockhurst, but they are looking to turn that around this season. They have a total of eight home games this season, so if you would like to show some support for the program, go to the games and cheer on your Saint Joseph's College Pumas!



Senior Calleigh Olson  
Photo Courtesy of  
Father Tim McFarland



Senior Jeff Grider  
Photo Courtesy of Father Tim McFarland

# A New Beginning for Women's Soccer

By Marisa Whitaker  
Sports Staff Writer

Another exiting season is underway for the Saint Joseph College Women's Soccer team! Head coach Amanda Reese is excited and looking forward to a great season. When asked how they were looking so far, she said, "I think we are a better team. You know, they've had a year to kind of get used to my style and learn my system. We are still learning and growing as a team." When I asked her about where the team might make it this season she explained that it's hard to tell where the team might end up in regards to the Conference. There are those teams that hover between being good enough to win and dropping out. So it is always difficult to see which of those teams will make it. Coach Reese said that they have already worked a lot on defense and midfield so their "biggest

challenge this season is going to be the "final third," where they get the ball in the other half and they are trying to score." All the other aspects of the team have already been worked on in earlier training sessions.

The women's team has a great coach and is confident that no matter how this season ends the team will have given their very best. Coach Reese wants to encourage all students to attend the games this season. She said that even if you do not understand the game, just having people on the side and hearing all the support really fuels their fire. It can make the difference between a win and a loss sometimes. The chants can help the team through the tough spots and boost morale at the last minute. You can be the difference that wins a game, so I will see you out there cheering them on. This is going to be a great season. Go Pumas!

## Upcoming Events

### September 12th

Men's and Women's Soccer  
vs. Rockhurst University  
5:00 & 7:30 p.m.

### September 13th

Women's and Men's Tennis  
@ Ashford University  
in Clinton, Iowa  
9:00 a.m.

Football @ Siena Heights  
University in Adrian, Michigan  
1:00 p.m. ET

Volleyball vs. Missouri S&T  
3:00 p.m.

### September 14th

Women's Golf at  
Screaming Eagle Classic  
in Evansville, Indiana

Men's and Women's Soccer  
vs. William Jewell College  
12:00 & 2:30 p.m.

### Volleyball vs. Drury University 1:00 p.m.

### September 15th

Men's Golf vs. University  
of Wisconsin-Parkside  
Fall Invite

### September 17th

Volleyball vs. University  
of Saint Francis  
7:00 p.m.

### September 19th

Women's & Men's Soccer  
@ Missouri S&T  
5:00 & 7:00 p.m.

# Veterans Ready to Lead Cross Team

By Hannah Wallace  
Sports Staff Writer

The Saint Joseph's College Men and Women's Cross Country teams are strongly preparing for a season full of high hopes, and maybe even some snow. Typically, this time of year, the team already has the first race under their belt, however the cross country season was pushed back about a month this year. The later season requires many adjustments to the team's training and preparation. Coach Massoels says that his athletes will need to be patient with this year, as the National meet is not held until December 6th. "We can't do the same thing we did last year," says Massoels, "the training has to be readjusted. I like the challenge of this late season though, I think it's something we need to take advantage of and be patient with." Last year the men's team had a very impressive season. Logan Barrett, senior at SJC, was the fourth Puma in school history to hold an All Regional title. Barrett

has high expectations for himself and his fellow teammates this year, "We have a small, but great group of guys with a common goal and great work ethic. It is going to be a great year for the distance crew and I've never been more optimistic." Barrett says that the men's team goal is to make it to Nationals for the first time in Saint Joseph's College history. More positive outlooks include sophomore Justin Hays, who came off a great summer of training as he competed in the 10k at the USATF Nationals in July at the University of Oregon. "I want to be the best athlete I can be to help the team," says Hays, "being a sophomore now, I have the experience of last year and know how to handle the college running scene." Hays says that the whole team is hungry to do something big this year, including making it to Nationals. Along with Barrett and Hays, you can expect to see big performances from redshirt senior Richard Kaht, senior Patrick Massoels, sophomore Brian Burton, sophomore Lane

Barrett, and freshman Nik Yocom as the men fight for a spot at Nationals.

The women's team holds just as high expectations for their season. Last year, they made it to Regionals, but fell short of qualifying for a spot at Nationals. Senior and team captain Andie Strang is extremely positive for the ladies this year. "I expect to have a strong team with a lot of chances for success," says Strang, "we need to keep everyone healthy and peak at the appropriate time." Coach Massoels is expecting big things from his group of girls, and also hopes to see a turn over for the sophomore class this year consisting of Rachel Bartz, Maddie Biddle, and Hannah Wallace. Bartz, after being injured last cross country season, holds the same expectations as her coach. "I'm excited for this season," says Bartz, "after overcoming an injury last year, it's made me appreciate the ability to run and I have set my goals even higher." Bartz

hopes to see the team place at Conference this season, and of course take the road to Nationals as well. Strang says the team has a very close knit group of girls with common goals this year that is guaranteed to take them far. Alongside the four already mentioned, senior Frehiwet Negassi and freshmen Brooke Wrestler and Nikki Thiede are also huge assets to the team and are expected to give outstanding performances this year, as all seven girls work their way up to Nationals.

Overall, Massoels hopes his team, both men and women, can come out on top to place second at the Conference Championship, top five at Regionals, and hold a spot at Nationals. The men and women have been training for this since June, and they need to be prepared to give it their all come November. On October 4th of this fall, the teams will begin their journey at SIUE's John Flamer Invitational for their first race of the 2014 season.



Above: Senior Logan Barrett  
Photo courtesy of Father Tim Mcfarland

## Pumas Eager for New Season

By: Patrick McElwain  
Sports Co-Editor

The Saint Joseph's College volleyball team got some exciting news last May, as Brittany Cherwinka was named new head volleyball coach, just three years after her graduation. "It's such an amazing opportunity to coach this great group of girls," says the Faibault, Minnesota native, who has quite an impressive resume in the sport herself. Cherwinka, who was a record setting setter at the Saint Mary's University at Winona, Wisconsin, comes to the Pumas after two years as an assistant coach at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. She ended up applying at different schools, and chose Saint Joseph's College because of the tight-knit feel.

"It just felt like the place I wanted to be."

Along with her own experience and youthful presence, comes a personal philosophy that coach Cherwinka echoes to the team: you only get out what you put in. "They probably get sick of hearing me say that," jokes Cherwinka. Cherwinka brings an extra element of youth to the Pumas, who are already a young squad. 10 of the 16 listed players on the roster are underclassmen. This presents both a challenge and plenty of excitement for the enthusiastic Cherwinka. "There's definitely some excitement involved. We'll see what we can do!" Although young, the Pumas aren't without on-court leadership. Cherwinka sang the praises of the squad's lone senior

Gabby Raspopovich, who, in the absence of a head coach last spring, took the reins. "Gabby has done an incredible job in keeping the girls together," says Cherwinka.

The Pumas are going to need that sort of leadership going down the road, and Coach Cherwinka is excited for the season ahead. She noted the stiff conference competition, and the early season tournaments, the first game of which comes against the University of Minnesota-Crookston. The team understandably has a few butterflies, but Cherwinka does not see that as a problem. "It'll be like that to start, but they'll get over it. They're just as excited as they are anxious." They certainly have reason to be excited. As do the Puma faithful. Says junior outside hitter Jackie Purcell, cheerfully, "Go Pumas!"



Above: Coach Brittany Cherwinka. Photo courtesy of Saint Joseph's College Athletics Website

## Puma Athlete Spotlight: Gary Yeoman

By Allysa Sylvester  
Sports Staff Writer

**Gary Yeoman** is a senior Physical Education major from Mishawaka, Indiana. He is a middle linebacker on the football team.

**When did you start playing football?**

"I started playing football when I was nine years old."

**What other positions have you played?**

Safety

**What freshman football player has potential & what position does he play?**

Quarterback Adam O'Mally

**Who is your favorite teammate?**

"Eric Heinzman because he takes all the blocks during plays and has my back. We have played all four years together."

**Who is your favorite coach?**

"Coach Sanders because he has helped me to become a better man on and off the field."

**What was the best thing about last year's football season?**

"The best thing about last year's football season was sending the

seniors off with a win on the last home game.

**Who is your favorite football team?**

The Chicago Bears

**What is your favorite movie?**

Braveheart

**What is your favorite quote?**

"The strength of the pack is in the wolf. The strength of the wolf is in the pack."

**What is your favorite season?**

Fall

**What was your most memorable thing you did in high school and in which year?**

**did it happen?**

"My junior year, I blocked a kick in a game against Ben Davis High School."

**What are your wishes for this season?**

"Do better than last year and get a conference championship."

**What advice would you give to your teammates this season?**

"Take it one game at a time and enjoy the journey."

**Know an athlete that deserves the spotlight? Email their name to [jcu8913@saintjoe.edu](mailto:jcu8913@saintjoe.edu)**

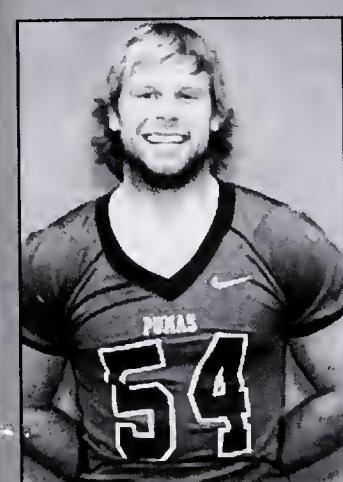


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## Creative Corner

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### Your Moon, My Sun

By Gloria Leonard

He called me his moon.  
 We learned in grade school that  
 The moon gravitates around the earth.  
 I used to think he was the world,  
 Everything I knew revolved around him.  
 I knew the land by heart.  
 The smooth rock and the rough terrain,  
 The depth of waters that resided in his gray eyes,  
 Trenches and debris served as walls around his heart.  
 He was the world until the love burned out.  
 I realized he was the sun.  
 Burning my skin by the touch,  
 Boiling my blood out of love, out of hatred:  
 A white hot passion.  
 He was the sun and I was the moon,  
 I always stayed in place.  
 Behind me he would lay in the quiet of the night  
 And by his morning light I would watch  
 The ray of his footsteps leaving me once more,  
 Leaving me cold,  
 Leaving me to witness his brilliance.  
 But he called me his moon,  
 And the moon gravitates around the sun, too.

Pencil Drawing By Nicole B. Thomsen



Drawing by Gloria Leonard



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